

2023 LIFE EVENTS			
MONTH	BAPTIZED	MARRIED	DEPARTED
JAN	GABRIEL SHARBEL BOULOS		MILO F. ELIAS
MAR	GRACE NOELLE BADAWAY		
MAY	JACE JOSEPH SIMONETTA		
JUNE	CAMERON PATRICK HEIMPEL		PETER HADDAD
	NORA MARY EL CHAAR		RIMAH KARAM MELHEM
JULY	SYLVIE THERESE KORKOMAZ	JOSEP YOUSSEF & YASMINE MOUSSA	
	FERRIS AREEF WADIH MOUSSA		
AUG	NOAH GEORGE MOURANI	ANTOINE BASSIL & ALEXA KOORIE	
SEPT		WALTER ROCA & BEVERLY KARAM	
OCT	JUDE JABBOUR KOORIE		JOHN JOSEPH THOMAS

<div>SANCTUARY CANDLE</div> <div>The Sanctuary candle for January is donated n loving memory of Joseph Assise, Jr. by the Family</div>	<div>WEEKLY COLLECTION</div> <div>Saturday, Dec 23, 5:00 PM - \$523.00 Sunday, Dec 24, 10:00 AM - \$320.00 Sunday Christmas Eve, 5:00 PM - \$1,963.00 Sunday, Christmas Eve, 11:00 PM - \$411.00 Monday, Christmas Day, 10:00 AM - \$496.00 Yearly Donation - \$2,000.00 Yearly Donation - \$1,200.00 Mail- in - \$585.00 Total - \$7498.00</div>
<div>PASTOR CONTACT</div> <div>In case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr.Youssef on his cell phone at 412-583-5702.</div>	<div>venmo</div> <div>The address is @ololchurch-easton. Please be sure to specify for what your contribution is intended.</div>
<div>BAPTISM</div> <div>Preregistration for Baptism is required. Catholic sponsor certificates must by received by the parish before the Baptism is scheduled.</div>	<div>CONFESSION</div> <div>Saturday: 4:30- 4:50 PM, Sunday, 9:30 - 9:50 AM Also available by appointment.</div>
<div>1ST HOLY COMMUNION & MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES</div> <div>October through April, Saturdays 3:45- 4:45. Parents of children must be registered in parish.</div>	<div>MARRIAGE</div> <div>Please notify the pastor at least one year prior to wedding date. Engaged couples need to register as parishioners and take required marriage classes.</div>
<div>ANOINTING OF THE SICK</div> <div>Please inform us of the sick and shut-ins at 412-583-5702.</div>	<div>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE</div> <div>Changes or additions to the bulletin must be submitted no later than Tuesdays at 5:00 PM.</div>



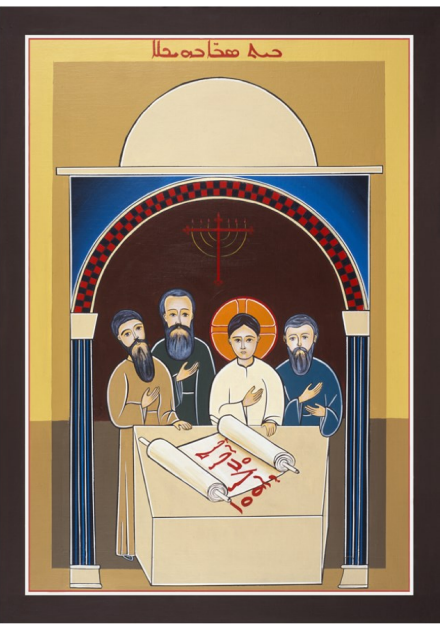
**OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MARONITE CATHOLIC
CHURCH**

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Week 51 - Week 51 Email: abouna@ololeaston.org Website: ololeaston.org Dec 23, 2023 - Jan 7, 2024

The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple



**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
according to Saint Luke 2:41-52**

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. And When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, ‘Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.’ He said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he said to them.

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Letter to the Hebrews 7:11-19

If perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well.

Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life.

For it is attested of him, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’ There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God.

CLERGY

Fr. Youssef Keikati. Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Closed on Fridays

RECTORY & MAILING ADDRESS:
54 South 4th Street, Easton, PA 18042

LITURGY:
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Weekday Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM

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****The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple****

Saturday Dec 30 - 5:00 PM - ANTOINE RAHME & DAUGHTER, MARIE RAHME by Marie Joseph & Family

Sunday, Dec 31 - 10:00 AM - RENEE BASSIL by Anthony Franchini

Monday	Jan 1	11:00 AM	THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) FR. JOSEPH ABDEL SATER by Fr. Youssef
Tuesday	Jan 2	9:00 AM	AMIN NEHME by Dalal Amer
Wednesday	Jan 3	9:00 AM	AUTEL BOULOS by Tony Sortino
Thursday	Jan 4	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	Jan 5	No Mass	No Mass

****First Sunday after Epiphany****

Saturday Jan 6- 5:00 PM - FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
YOUNG DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH by Frank, Naomi & Jake Koerwitz

Sunday, Jan 7 - 10:00 AM - JOSEPH MELHEM (Anniversary) by his wife Joumana & Children

Tuesday	Jan 9	9:00 AM	JENNIE MELHEM by Jody & Greg Piagesi
Wednesday	Jan 10	9:00 AM	GEORGE BAURKOT by Rony Abdalla
Thursday	Jan 11	9:00 AM	MARION ESTEPHAN by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa
Friday	Jan 12	9:00 AM	EVA FARHAT by Mary Sue, Anthony & Ava Tumminello

****Second Sunday after Epiphany****

Saturday Jan 13- 5:00 PM - JOHN THOMAS by Marlene Bedway

Sunday, Jan 14 - 10:00 AM - FR. JOSEPH ABDEL SATER by Fr. Youssef. Coffee hour to follow.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MY BELOVED PARISHIONERS.
MAY GOD SHOWER YOU WITH BLESSINGS IN 2024 AND BEYOND!

JOIN US FOR OUR LADY OF LEBANON PARISH

NYE Party

DOORS OPEN @8PM

BRING YOUR OWN FAVORITE FOOD & DRINKS!
KITCHEN WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR USE!

\$75 PER TABLE

EACH TABLE HOLDS 8 PEOPLE

PALE OF TABLES IS AVAILABLE TO PARISHIONERS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST PAY BASIS.

DJ & PARTY SWAG INCLUDED

RSVP: VICTORIA HAWACH (610) 462-7546

LEARN ABOUT OUR FAITH IN AN EDUCATIONAL AND FUN WAY!!

MARONITE FUN FRIDAY

Learning, Food, Fun & More!
All Ages Welcome!

When: Friday January 5th @ 6PM
Where: Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall

RSVP to Jennie Melhem by January 2nd

J_melly@hotmail.com

AWAMAT SALE

AWAMAT (LEBANESE DONUTS) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AFTER THE 10:00 AM LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH.

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION.

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME, PLEASE ARRIVE BY 7:00 AM

Please Join Our Lady of Lebanon For

St. Maron Hafli

Saturday, February 10th 2024

Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall
55 S Fourth Street
Easton PA 18042

STAR KALEM ISSA

RSVP TO:
Jennie Melhem 484-725-7025
Anthony Melhem 484-547-2045

Doors Open @6:30 PM
BYOB
Full Dinner Buffet
Adults: \$65
Under 10: \$30
Under 4: Free

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Finding of Our in the Temple
Heb 7:11-19 / Lk 2:41-52

1st Sunday after Epiphany
2 Cor 10:1-11 / Jn 1:29-34

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
2 Cor 4:5-15 / Jn 1 35-42

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Holy One, we know that violence between your children is not according to your will, and we pray that you will help and guide the peoples in conflict to bring the current warfare to an end.

We pray for open hearts for all sides to listen and work for peace. We pray for a change of heart for everyone involved in this struggle that they will realize that solutions to this conflict are to be found in negotiations and not weapons.

We ask also for safety for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land that they may continue to serve as living representatives of your Son in the land of his earthly birth.

We ask all this in His Name, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen